

# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

City Council of the Town of Colma  
Town Hall, 1198 El Camino Real  
Colma, CA 94014

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008  
7:30 p.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Helen Fisicaro called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Fisicaro reported that there was no action taken at the Closed Session meeting held before the Regular Meeting tonight. Mayor Fisicaro also recognized former City Manager Diane McGrath, former Mayor Dennis Fisicaro, and former City Council Member Mary Brodzin who were in the audience.

Council Present – Mayor Helen Fisicaro, Vice Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario, and Council Members Frossanna Vallergera, Joseph Silva and Diana Colvin were present.

Staff Present – Interim City Manager Laura Allen, City Attorney Roger Peters, Police Chief Bob Lotti, City Planner Andrea Ouse, Recreation Services Director Brian Dossey, City Engineer Rick Mao, Deputy Public Works Director Brad Donohue, and Administrative Technician Kris Krow.

Also Present: Rae Gonzalez, City Treasurer

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Police Chief Bob Lotti introduced Ms. Rea Gogan who was recently hired as the Executive Assistant for the Police Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public comment period at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Dennis Fisicaro, a resident of Colma, made comments about an agenda item from last month's regular meeting, regarding the storage of a fire truck.

Mayor Fisicaro closed the public comment period at 7:36 p.m.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Fisicaro asked if there were any changes to the consent calendar. Mayor Fisicaro moved Item #5 off the consent calendar for discussion and called for a vote on the remaining items.

1. Motion to Accept the Minutes from the October 1, 2008 Special Meeting.
2. Motion to Accept the Minutes from the October 8, 2008 Regular Meeting.
3. Motion to Accept the Minutes from the October 8, 2008 Special Meeting.

4. Motion to Approve the Warrants List for October 2008.

**Action:** Vice Mayor del Rosario moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Items # 1 through 4, and was seconded by Council Member Silva and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fisicaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			0

5. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Retiring Council Member Frossanna Vallergera.

This item was moved off the consent calendar. Also, a corrected first page of the staff report was provided to staff and the public; it is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Fisicaro read the following resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING FROSSANNA "FRO" VALLERGA FOR HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF COLMA, 1995 - 2008

The City Council of the Town of Colma does hereby resolve as follows:

Whereas, Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera has served on the Colma City Council since April 1995; she was re-elected to Council in 1996, 2000 and 2004; and she served three terms as the Mayor of Colma in 1998-1999, 2002-2003, and 2006-2007; and

Whereas, Council Member Frossanna Vallergera decided not to seek re-election, and her last term as a Council Member will expire on December 9, 2008;

Whereas, Council Member Frossanna Vallergera has been a steadfast advocate for the Town of Colma and strived to secure fair and equitable treatment for the Town in all ways; and

Whereas, Council Member Frossanna Vallergera is a strong supporter of children and youth in our community, and has promoted many activities and programs to benefit local children; and

Whereas, Council Member Frossanna Vallergera is a passionate advocate for animal rights and can always be counted on to defend and protect animals of all kinds; and

Whereas, Council Member Frossanna Vallergera is a familiar face at community events throughout San Mateo County, where she is always an eloquent representative of the Town of Colma; and

Whereas, during Frossanna Vallergera's tenure as a Council Member and Mayor, with the collaboration of Town Staff and her fellow City Council members, Colma progressed in many ways, further improving the quality of life for those who live and work in Colma.

These many accomplishments include the following:

Approved the design, construction and financing of the state-of-the-art Police Station; a multi-purpose community center and museum; and the preservation of the historic Colma Railroad Station;

Participated in the process of reviewing and approving two new residential planned developments, Villa Hoffman and Verano, adding two neighborhoods to Colma;

Approved the reconstruction and beautification of Junipero Serra Boulevard, using only Town funding;

Completed the Sterling Park Beautification, including decorative lighting, beautifully paved streets in the Sterling Park neighborhood, and expansion of the Sterling Park Recreation Center;

Approved the creation of the Town's Conflict of Interest Code and establishment of City Council Protocols;

Supported the Town's participation in the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance when it was founded, and served as Colma's representative on the "Alliance" board;

Establishment of the grant funded, Community Service Officer position;

Supported the creation of Lawndale Boulevard; and approved the Town Gateway sign program;

Approved the establishment of underground utility districts to make Colma's streets more aesthetically pleasing;

Approved the establishment of a cardroom in Colma, and participated in the successful lobbying effort to maintain unlimited wagering in California card rooms;

Recommended and supported conservative fiscal policies to maintain Colma's viability, stability and financial soundness;

Assisted with design and style of the remodeling at the Town Hall Council Chamber and the unique ceiling mural;

Assisted the residents of Colma, by establishing a Minor Housing Repair Grant Program and establishing the Bulk Cable benefit, in addition to supporting the many youth, senior and recreation programs offered by the Town of Colma.

With best wishes for the future and appreciation for over 13 years of dedicated public service, the Town of Colma, hereby acknowledges the many contributions of Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera, as her final term of office expires on December 9, 2008.

Mayor Fisicaro presented Council Member Vallergera with a framed copy of this Resolution.

Mayor Fisicaro opened the floor for comments.

Dorothy Hillman, of Colma, thanked Frossanna Vallergera for her support of the seniors and the Historical Association.

Mary Brodzin, of Colma, presented a certificate to Council Member Vallergera on behalf of the Colma Seniors.

Bill Chiang, from San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier's office, presented Council Member Vallergera with a Resolution from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Georgette Sarles, CEO and President of the Colma/Daly City Chamber of Commerce, thanked Fro on behalf of the Chamber and presented a gift to her.

Pat Hatfield, Colma Resident and President of the Colma Historical Association, thanked Council Member Vallergera with a special poem.

Mayor Fisicaro closed the comment period at 7:44 p.m.

**Action:** Mayor Fisicaro moved to adopt a Resolution Acknowledging Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera for Her Service to the Town of Colma, 1995 – 2008, and seconded by Council Member Silva and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fisicaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			0

Mayor Fisicaro adjourned the meeting briefly at 7:50 p.m. for a cake and coffee reception.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fisicaro reconvened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

### 6. POLICY RELATED TO APPROVAL OF NEW OR REVISED CARD GAMES

City Attorney Roger Peters presented the staff report.

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public hearing and seeing no one, closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

**Action:** Mayor Fisicaro moved to Approve Reading of Ordinance by Title Only, and to Introduce an Ordinance Amending Colma Municipal Code Section 4.09.260, Relating to Permissible Controlled Card Games, And Repealing Section 4.09.2209, seconded by Council Member Vallergera and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fisicaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			0

## NEW BUSINESS

### 7. INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

Interim City Manager Laura Allen presented the staff report.

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public hearing and seeing no one, closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

**Action:** Vice Mayor del Rosario moved to Adopt a Resolution Amending Subchapter 1.03 of the Colma Administrative Code, Relating to Investment Policies, seconded by Council Member Colvin and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fisicaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			0

## OLD BUSINESS

### 8. VERANO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT *(Continuation of item from 10/08/08 meeting)*

City Planner Andrea Ouse presented the staff report.

Conrad Perraras of the Verano Owners Association was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m., and seeing no one closed the public hearing.

**Action:** Council Member Silva moved to Adopt a Resolution Approving Amendment to Planned Development Use Permit (Detailed Development Plan) and Design Review Relating to Fencing at 1401 Mission Road, seconded by Vice Mayor del Rosario and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fisicaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			0

## COUNCIL CALENDARING

Mayor Fisicaro noted the following upcoming dates:

- December 9 – Council Reorganization
- December 10 – Regular Meeting
- December 19 – Council of Cities Dinner at Colma Fire District
- December 20 – Colma Adult Holiday Party

## REPORTS

Mayor Fisicaro asked the Chief of Police to look into flyers that the residents were receiving regarding curb painting and electronic waste pick ups. Mr. Dave Hatfield, of Colma, commented about electronic waste.

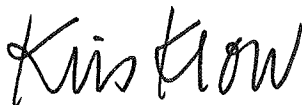
Mayor Fisicaro, Vice Mayor del Rosario, & Council Member Colvin attended the Take My Hand Fundraiser for the North Peninsula Food Pantry and Dining Center of Daly City on October 24, 2008.

Council Member Silva attended Council of Cities Dinner in Burlingame on October 24, 2008.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Fisicaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:23 p.m. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Angelina Ciucci and Robert Panacci.

Respectfully submitted,



Kris Krow  
Administrative Technician